

**Interagency Wildfire Management Team  
Meeting Notes  
June 14, 2006**

Doug Tucker (Los Alamos county Fire Department) announced that LANL would go into Red Flag conditions today from 1 PM to 9 PM. The ten-hour fuel moistures are currently at 4 percent. Doug also noted that the decrease in human-caused fires in the Los Alamos region may be a result of increased police surveillance, the emphasis on volunteerism and educational programs, and upgraded public information systems. Finally, Doug reported that the public fireworks display on the Fourth of July in White Rock will be conducted, as in past years.

Steve Shaw (Citizen's Group, Fairway Drive, Los Alamos) and Craig Martin identified standing dead trees in Los Alamos Canyon between the townsite and the skating rink. There are some issues that need to be resolved before this fire hazard mitigation can be initiated. The plan is to begin work in the late fall of 2006. The Santa Fe Hotshots will do the felling and stacking. The stacked material will be potentially burned at a later date.

Manny L'Esperance (Emergency Response Office, LANL) is completing some of the mitigations of wildland fire hazards and initiating others at LANL. He is also working to resolve the issues related to the Los Alamos Canyon fire hazard mitigation and has evaluated hazard trees at TA-3.

Lawrence Garcia (Santa Fe National Forest) outlined the resources that are currently available to the Forest. He also reviewed the prescribed fire in the Caja del Rio that is scheduled to begin tomorrow, June 15. Approximately 220 acres will be burned this week and a total of 640 acres will be burned by the end of this fall. The vegetation in the prescribed burn area is piñon, juniper and sagebrush.

Sandy Hurlocker (Santa Fe National Forest) reported Stage II restrictions are still in place and that additional restrictions have been considered. However, due to the full cooperation from the public, additional restrictions and partial closures will not be needed. Sandy also reported that the fire information hotline for the forest is 1-877-971-3473.

Gary Kemp (Bandelier National Monument) reported that the Bandelier weather station has recorded 2.21 inches of rainfall since October. Of this amount, 1.5 inches fell during the month of October. For the calendar year, the average rainfall is about 16 inches.

Marla Rodgers (Bandelier National Monument) has been participating in conference calls with the New Mexico Interagency Fire Information Group. This group can produce public announcement banners and four will be requested for use in Los Alamos and White Rock. More information can be found at the Group's website ([www.nmfireinfo.com](http://www.nmfireinfo.com)). This website is developed by federal and state agencies in New

Mexico to provide timely, accurate fire, smoke, and restriction information for the entire state.

Bill Armstrong (Santa Fe National Forest), reported through an email, that work on the Valle 2 thinning and fuel mitigation contract in Rendija Canyon has been suspended due to the high fire danger. Approximately 20 acres remain to be completed. Wood permits are still being sold for the American Springs fuel wood area.

The next IWMT meeting will be at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, June 28, at the EOC (TA-69, Building 33) in the Fire TAC Room (124). The IWMT meets every other week and these meetings are open to the public. Contact Randy Balice ([balice@lanl.gov](mailto:balice@lanl.gov), 665-1270) for further information, or to get on the distribution list for these meeting notes.